(b) if so, the amount of grant-in-aid sought for during 2002-2003 to strengthen the Government Central Pharmacy, Bangalore, which is manufacturing Ayurvedic and Unani drugs; and

(c) whether Government propose to sanction the grant-in-aid sought for?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The Government of Karnataka applied for grant-in-aid for strengthening of their pharmacy under centrally sponsored scheme. The Government has sanctioned Rs. 55 lakhs as grant-in-aid for the year 2000-2001.

No grant has been asked for the year 2002-2003.

**Vacancies of Auxiliary Nurses**

1151. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of vacancies of Auxiliary Nurses in the reserved category of OBC have been lying vacant in AIIMS, Dr. R.M.L. Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi;

(b) whether as per Government policy, such reserved vacancies should be filled up within the stipulated time; and

(c) if so, the efforts made by the concerned Hospital authorities to fill the reserved quota of OBC?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Amendment in PFA Act**

1152. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring imported food items within the purview of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act;

(b) whether Government have assured that the proposed amendment